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take a single dollar from the revenues of the state for the redemption of the bonds before the year 1921, and probably not before 1931. The state will receive more money from the interest on daily balances arising from the sale of these bonds and from regular current deposits than will be required to pay out in interest on the bonds.

The present revenue is four and one-half million dollars annually. At the rate of increase during the past ten years, in 1921 (the earliest possible date at which the redemption of bonds can begin under Amendment No. 5), Missouri will have a revenue of over nine million dollars a year. In other words, the increase then will be more than the total revenue we receive today. But under the terms of Amendment No. 5 the state is not obligated to begin redemption of these bonds even as early as 1921. It may, if desired, defer payment of every dollar of the bonds until 1931, and could then take up the whole issue in ten years by using only three per cent of the revenue.

It's up to you, Mr. Taxpayer. You will have to pay the constitutional rate of 17 cents on the \$100, whether you get the new capitol or not. It's only a question of what and how much you are going to get for your money. Whether you authorize the building of this new capitol or not, the tax rate will remain just as it now is, for it is fixed by the constitution. If you defeat Amendment No. 5 you will have gained nothing, made nothing, saved nothing, and lost this great improvement to the state. But if by your vote you adopt Amendment No. 5, the state will be richer at least to the extent of a state-house adequate to the necessities of Missouri, and one of which you as a Missourian will feel proud.

A tumble-down shack used by a community for a school house shows that the educational interests of that community are at a low ebb. A neglected farm, with rickety barns and broken-down fences indicates poor farming. When you see a dilapidated business house you know that its occupant is not a prosperous business man. The Missouri capital is your chief place of business. That's where your public business is transacted. What sort of an advertisement of the state is the present capitol building? It is too small for the public business of the state, and unsafe for want of fire-proof construction. The public records are always in danger of destruction, and the ultimate sources of title to your lands are housed in a fire-trap. As a state-house, it has outlived its usefulness. In view of these facts, what must be the opinion of the investor, the sojourner and the stranger within our gates? A state may be judged by the character of its public buildings. A capitol building reflects the wealth, pride and progress of a state. Surrounding states have capitol worth from four to ten times as much as ours. Missouri lands, your lands, are selling at 25 to 50 per cent less than the same quality of lands in Iowa, Illinois and Kansas. There's a reason. Look into it. The question is not "Can Missouri afford a new capitol"; it is "Can Missouri longer afford the old one?"

Vote for Constitutional Amendment No. 5. Adopt that amendment and every foot of land will feel the benefits. Go to the polls in November and work for Amendment No. 5. Vote yes. Erase no.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION—in vacation

In the Circuit Court of Linn County, Missouri, at Linneus, June Term, 1910.

James T. Davis and Ida L. Davis, his wife, Plaintiffs

vs.

The unknown consort, widow, heirs, devisees, donees, alienees or immediate mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of Peter Ausmus, deceased; The un-

known consort, widow, heirs, devisees, donees, alienees, or immediate mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of John F. Ballou, deceased; The unknown consort, widow, heirs, devisees, donees, alienees, or immediate mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of J. E. Quick, deceased; The unknown consort, widow, heirs, devisees, donees, alienees, or immediate mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of James P. Ausmus, deceased, and Mary C. Freeman, Defendants.

At this 13th day of April, 1910, come the plaintiffs, by their attorney, C. C. Bigger, before the undersigned Clerk in vacation and file their petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple of the following described real estate, situate in Linn County, Missouri, to-wit: Block 6, except 77 feet off of the South side thereof, and all of Block 7, in the North-West Addition to the town (now City) of Laclede; That the defendant, Mary C. Freeman, claims some right and title in and to the above described real estate, the nature and character of which claim of the said Mary C. Freeman to the said real estate is unknown to plaintiffs and cannot be stated in their said petition, except that said claim is adverse to plaintiff's title thereto; That there are persons interested in the subject matter of this suit or the real estate above described whose names plaintiffs cannot insert in their said petition because they are unknown to them, but that said unknown persons claim some title or interest in and to the above described real estate, the nature and character of which claim is unknown to plaintiffs and cannot be described in their petition, except that said claim of title to said premises by said unknown persons is adverse to plaintiffs title thereto and is derived as consorts, widows, heirs, devisees, donees, alienees, or immediate mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of Peter Ausmus, John F. Ballou, J. E. Quick and James P. Ausmus, all deceased;

Whereupon, it is ordered by the Clerk in vacation that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiffs have commenced a suit against them in this Court, the object and general nature of which is to secure a judgment and decree of this Court, ascertaining and determining the estate, title and interest of the plaintiffs and defendants herein in and to the above described real estate and to define and adjudge the title, and interests of the parties, plaintiffs and defendants, in and to said real estate:

And that unless the said defendants be and appear at this Court at the next term thereof to be begun and holden at the Court house in the City of Linneus, in said County, on the 6th day of June next, and on or before the first day of said term answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in THE LACLEDE BLADE, a newspaper published in said County of Linn, for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least thirty days before the first day of said next June Term of this Court.

JNO. N. WILSON,
Circuit Clerk.

A TRUE COPY FROM THE RECORD.
Witness my hand, and the seal of the Circuit Court of Linn County, this 13th day of April, 1910.

[SEAL] JNO. N. WILSON,
Circuit Clerk.

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In the Circuit Court of Linn County, Missouri, at Linneus, June Term, 1910.

Leroy Switzer, Plaintiff,

vs.
Judson Leman and Mary Theodosia Leman, his wife, Samuel S. Richardson and Victoria Richardson, his wife, Edward S. Douglas, A. G. Collins, and the unknown consort, widow, heirs, devisees, donees, alienees, or immediate mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of C. L. Dobson, deceased, and the unknown consort, widow, heirs, devisees, donees, alienees, immediate mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of T. J. Chew, Jr., deceased, Defendants.

At this 13th day of April, 1910, comes the plaintiff herein, by his attorney, C. C. Bigger, before the undersigned Clerk in vacation, and files his petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendant, Judson Leman and Mary Theodosia Leman, his wife, Samuel S. Richardson and Victoria Richardson, his wife, Edward S. Douglas and A. G. Collins are non-residents of the State of Missouri, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon them in this state; that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the following described real estate, situated in Linn County, Missouri, to-wit: The North half of the North-West

quarter of Section Thirteen, Township 57, Range 21; That the title to said real estate emanated from the Government of the United States more than Eighty Years since; that the defendants, Judson Leman and Mary Theodosia Leman, his wife, Samuel S. Richardson and Victoria Richardson, his wife, Edward S. Douglas and A. G. Collins, claim some right or title to said real estate, the nature and character of which claim of title is unknown to plaintiff and cannot be stated in his petition except that it is adverse to plaintiff's title to said real estate; That there are persons interested in the subject matter of this suit and the real estate above described, whose names plaintiff cannot insert in his petition because they are unknown to him, but that said unknown persons claim some title, interest or estate in and to the above described real estate, the nature and character of which claim is unknown to plaintiff and cannot be described in said petition, except that said claim of title, to said premises, is adverse to plaintiff's title thereto and is derived as consorts, widows, heirs, devisees, donees, alienees, or immediate mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of Henson Ramsey, C. L. Dobson and T. J. Chew, Jr., all deceased; Whereupon, it is ordered by the undersigned Clerk in vacation that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff

has commenced a suit against them in this Court, the object and general nature of which is to secure a judgment and decree of this Court, ascertaining and determining the estate, title and interest of the plaintiff and defendants herein in and to the above described real estate and to define and adjudge the title, estate and interest of the parties, plaintiff and defendants, in and to said real estate.

And that unless the said defendants be and appear at this Court at the next term thereof to be begun and holden at the Court house in the City of Linneus, in said County, on the 6th day of June next, and on or before the first day of said term, answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

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JNO. N. WILSON, Circuit Clerk.

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